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SENTENCING SET FOR JULY 11, 2008 AFTER FIVE SAMBADO FAMILY MEMBERS ENTER GUILTY PLEA

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that LAWRENCE J. SAMBADO, 70, BEVERLY A. SAMBADO, 71, of Linden, California; and RICHARD J. SAMBADO, 43; TIMOTHY M. SAMBADO, 45; and MARIE JOSEE DUSABLAN-SAMBADO, 42, all of Stockton pleaded guilty today before United States District Court Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr. to federal felony offenses relating to the skimming of income from their businesses.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by Special Agents of Internal Revenue Service—Criminal Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Benjamin B. Wagner and Matthew D. Segal, who are prosecuting the cases, defendants, LAWRENCE J. SAMBADO, RICHARD J. SAMBADO, and TIMOTHY M. SAMBADO each pleaded guilty to filing a false federal income tax return, and BEVERLY SAMBADO and MARIE JOSEE DUSABLAN-SAMBADO each pleaded guilty to conducting structured transactions with cash at banks in the Stockton area, intending to avoid the banks' cash transaction record-keeping requirements in order to conceal from regulators the use of unreported cash income.

The plea agreements contemplate that defendants LAWRENCE SAMBADO, BEVERLY SAMBADO, TIMOTHY SAMBADO, and RICHARD SAMBADO will each be sentenced to

federal prison. The government will also seek a prison term for defendant MARIE JOSEE DUSABLAN-SAMBADO. In the plea agreements filed today, the five defendants agreed to pay restitution to the IRS totaling \$192,000, representing the principal amount of taxes owed for the years 1999–2002, and criminal fines totaling \$120,000, for a total of \$312,000 in restitution and fines. In addition, each of the defendants has agreed to file amended tax returns, and may be civilly liable for additional taxes, interest, and penalties.

The false tax return charges against LAWRENCE, RICHARD and TIMOTHY SAMBADO each carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, and the structuring money transactions charges against BEVERLY SAMBADO and MARIE JOSEE DUSABLAN-SAMBADO each carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. The maximum penalty for each offense also includes a one-year term of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

Sentencing for each defendant is scheduled for July 11, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. before Judge Burrell.

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